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SUBJECT: GROMYKO VISIT TO DENMARK

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1. DURING DINNER I GAVE ON APRIL 26 FOR QUEEN IN ANTICIPA-
TION OF HER TRIP TO THE US, FONMINK.B. ANDERSEN TOLD ME
THAT GROMYKO WOULD VISIT DENMARK LATER THIS YEAR.

2. COMMENT: FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS THE SOVIETS HAVE
BEEN PRESSING THE DANES FOR SUCH A VISIT BUT THE DANES
HAD NOT AGREED UNLESS THIS WERE PART OF A GENERAL TOUR OF
SCANDINAVIA. SINCE THEN CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED
INASMUCH AS SWEDISH PRIMIN PALME HAS JUST BEEN TO MOSCOW
AND THE NORWEGIANS APPARENTLY DO NOT WISH A GROYMKO VISIT
AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF THE SVALVARD PROBLEM. THEREFORE,
THE DANES HAVE DECIDED TO GO AHEAD AND INVITE GROMYKO TO
DENMARK WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THEIR NORDIC FRIENDS.

3. DANISH INTERST IN VISIT WAS CONVEYED TO THE SOVIET
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AMBASSADOR IN COPENHAGEN, AND HE TRANSMITTED IT TO MOSCOW.

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THE SOVIETS WERE SO ANXOUS TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION THAT THEY SENT THEIR AMBASSADOR OVER TO SWEDEN TO FIND FONMIN ANDERSEN IN HIS SUMMER HOME ON THE EASTER WEEKEND AND ASK HIM WHEN GROMYKO COULD COME. THE SOVIETS WERE GIVEN POSSIBLE DATES FOR A VISIT LATER IN THE SUMMER.

4. ANDERSEN TOLD ME THAT AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE DANES WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL GROMYKO THAT THEIR COMPLAINTS ABOUT INCREASED WARSAW PACT AIR AND SEA MANEUVERS IN THE BALTIC HAD NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER WITH AN ALLEGED HARDENING OF THE US ATTITUDE TOWARDS DETENTE WITH THE USSR. IN OTHER WORDS, THE DANES WILL MAKE IT CLEAR TO GROMYKO THAT THEIR COMPLAINTS ABOUT SOVIET BLOC ACTIVITIES IN THE BALTIC ARE LEGITIMATE AND WERE NOT TRUMPED UP AS PART OF A SO-CALLED TOUGHER WESTERN ATTITUDE. THIS CONFORMS TO WHAT DANES HAVE RECENTLY TOLD THE EASTERN EUROPEANS, PARTICULARLY THE RUMONAIANS, WHO HAVE BEEN PEDDLING THE LINE THAT DANISH COMPLAINTS ABOUT BALTIC MANEUVES ARE AMERICAN-INSPIRED (REF B).

5. ANDERSEN ADDED THAT FRG FONMIN GENSCHER WOULD PROBABLY VISIT COPENHAGEN IN JUNE PRIOR TO HIS (ANDERSEN'S) VISIT TO EAST BERLIN.
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